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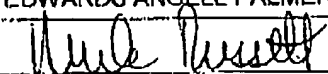
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For: DISEASE SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE FOR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, PROTEIN
THEREOF, EVALUATION METHOD AND
EVALUATION KIT FOR EVALUATING
ONSET POSSIBILITY OF RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS BY USING THOSE, AND
REMEDY AND CURING MEDICINE FOR
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 26, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application. This response is believed to be timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that consideration and examination of the groups specified in the Restriction should not impose an undue burden.

However, solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement, Applicants select the invention of Group 3, claims 4 and 7-8.

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The election of Group 3 is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and the right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

While no extension of time is believed to be required, Applicants request any extension of time necessary for this response to be considered timely filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Reference No. 61646 (70904), Customer No. 21874.

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